Dozen Subs Could Cripple Whole Continent

BURBANK, Calif. (UPI) — The chances are "too good" that a dozen nuclear-armed enemy submarines could sneak close enough to wipe out a major part of this continent's industry.

In these blunt words Thursday, top United States anti-submarine warfare experts described the threat posed by Russia's ever-growing fleet of submarines.

High navy spokesmen are already on record with statements that no location in the United States is more than 1,500 miles from submarine waters — mere intermediate range for today's missiles.

Capt. G. W. Okerson of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics pointed out that in the Second World War, only 45 German U-boats nearly strangled British shipping. Today, Russia has 10 times that number of subs in operation.

This grim estimate came out of a briefing by a group of scientists and military men connected with the Lockheed Anti-Submarine Warfare Systems Organization.

Killing subs is relatively easy with new weapons. The problem is in finding them, a task come navy men compare with that of finding a gnat in the Grand Canyon. An intelligent gnat, that is.

Why is a sub hard to find? For one thing radio waves will not travel in water. This rules out radar for spotting subs under water.

Temperature variations and marine life create barriers which divert the sub-hunters' underwater sound waves.

The group has concluded that detection method aren't much more effective today than they were during the Second World War.

What is urgently needed, the experts declared, is a technological breakthrough to permit an aircraft to scan 50 to 75 miles of ocean at a time to a depth of 1,500 feet.

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As Mother Watches

Dad's Truck Kills Little Island Girl

A two-year-old Jordan River girl was crushed beneath a wheel of her father's truck yesterday as her mother screamed a vain warning from the door of their home.

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ALEXIS LAJEUNESSE
. . . Jordan River victim

Dead is Alexis Lajeunesse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lajeunesse of Jordan River.

The youngster was fatally injured at 10.30 a.m. when the pickup truck her father was driving passed over her body in front of their Jordan River cottage.

TOO LATE

The father, a first aid man at his firm, said his daughter was dead "before I could even reach her."

An employee of Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Co., the broken-hearted father said he had just dropped home for a minute.

"I left the house and shut the gate and slowly drove the truck away . . . suddenly I heard my wife scream . . . but it was too late.

DIDN'T HEAR

"My wife was standing on the porch," he said. "I guess I didn't hear her first cry.

"It all happened so fast—if only I hadn't come home."

Mr. Lajeunesse said he had no idea how the child got out of the yard.

"We always make sure the gate is closed so Alexis and her sister Leslie would stay clear of the road," he said.

JUMPED DOWN

The veteran logger jumped from the truck but found his daughter was dead when he took her in his arms.

He said his daughter had always been "happy as a lark" and had been walking only nine months.

SISTER SURVIVES

She is survived by her sister Leslie, 5, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lajeunesse and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stolth, all of Sooke.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Sand's funeral home, Colwood.

Head Gashed But Pianist Saves Hands

VANCOUVER (UPI) — Internationally-known pianist Marie-Aimee Warrot let her head smash through a car windshield Thursday rather than ward off the blow with her artistic hands.

"I'd much rather gash my head than my hands," she said after doctors inserted 16 stitches in facial lacerations caused in a traffic accident.

Let Prayer Avert War

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (AP) —Evangelist Billy Graham arrived here last night and told a welcoming crowd that world prayer could avert a third world war.

"We haven't anything in common racially or politically. One common denominator we do have is spiritual," he said.

First Lady Comes to Husband's Rescue

A First World War injury prevented Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross from presenting Queen's Scout certificates to 123 of British Columbia's top Scouts at the Empress yesterday, but Mrs. Ross graciously came to her husband's rescue. Here she presents his certificate to Dick Yamaoka, of the Rutland-Central Okanagan troop while Mr. Ross looks on. (See picture, story on page 30.)—(Colonist photo.)

Bulletins

SEATTLE—Seattle is the most likely location for a west coast atom-powered submarine base, U.S. Republican Representative Thomas M. Pelly said.

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ORLANDO, Fla.—A vicious squall swept down Florida, spawning tornadoes as it went. At least one person was killed and 14 were injured.

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HALIFAX — Heavy fog hugged the North Alantic Thursday, hampering vessel movements.

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BERLIN—A Soviet spokesman said that the Red air force would not try to prevent high-altitude U.S. transport flights to West Berlin. But he warned that the Russians could not "fully guarantee" the safety of such flights above 10,000 feet.

Chickenpox?

Prince Charles has been sent home to Windsor from boarding school in the Berkshire Hills outside London with a slight temperature that may indicate he has chickenpox. He is being treated by Dr. Richard May, royal physician.

Costs Up Despite Slashing

By R. O. MARRION

Victoria's mayor and council are not concealing the fact they are worried.

Parks committee yesterday finished its preliminary cutting of 1959 parks estimates, last major group of estimates to undergo committee scrutiny. When it rose, after hours of economizing, the parks estimates were still $45,000 higher than last year's.

$400,000 MORE

Earlier, other council committees had also slashed preliminary estimates for public works, the fire department, general government and health and welfare. But the total for parks and these departments remains more than $400,000 higher than last year's.

EQUALS 4½ MILLS

That sum is equivalent to 4½ mills of taxation, or $4.50 for each $1,000 of taxable assessment.

Still to be added are this year's wage increases for the civic staffs, and still to be received are the police budget and the details of Victoria's share of the school budget. School costs themselves, city officials fear, may add a couple of mills this year to Victoria's tax rate.

LITTLE HOPE LEFT

Against this partial summation of woe, council as a whole will have the opportunity to trim the estimates farther when the budget is presented at the end of this month, and there may be some offsetting increases in revenue, although use of an unusually large 1957 surplus last year leaves little hope in this quarter.

GOING TOUGH

Parks committee, in three sessions, trimmed $52,040 from estimates originally totalling $516,000, and found the going tough because none of the estimates was for a big "frill" item. Much of the cutting was done in amounts of $100 or $200 or $400.

LOVERS' LANE

One of the items rejected yesterday was improvement of a corner at the west end of Lovers' Lane in Beacon Hill Park, at a cost of $400.

"Who the devil wants to improve the road in Lovers' Lane?" demanded Ald. D. J. Proudfoot. The committee decided the corner actually was an advantage, forcing motorists to slow down on the narrow, twisting road.

FOOTPATH REJECTED

The committee also rejected the building of a $550 footpath leading to the world's tallest totem, and wouldn't let the department have a large rotary mower with a riding sulky.

But it approved an estimate for a three-wheeled vehicle which parks administrator W. H. Warren said would be used to drag the field at Royal Athletic Park between baseball innings, for running messages between parks and for picking up paper in parks.

NOT LIKE POLO

"With a pointed stick, something like polo?" asked city comptroller Dennis Young delightedly.

As a light truck, Mr. Warren explained.

Lama in India, May Go to UN

NEW DELHI (Reuters)—The Dalai Lama, successfully eluding 50,000 Chinese Communist troops, has escaped to India, and now may head a delegation to put the plight of Tibet before the UN, diplomatic sources said Thursday night.

He was reported to have survived his long trek over the Himalayas "in good health."

The 23-year-old ruler fled from his capital at Lhasa March 17.

DELICATE ISSUES

Prime Minister Nehru Thursday called a meeting of the central parliamentary board of his ruling Congress Party to discuss delicate issues regarding Tibet. Political observers took this to mean the Dalai Lama.

The Communist New China News Agency reported earlier that the Dalai Lama reached Indian soil two days ago at Tawang, Assam.

To reach there the Dalai Lama must have crossed a 14,000-foot pass in an area believed in the hands of Khamba tribesmen who vowed to defend the Dalai Lama with their lives.

Reliable informants at Kalimhong, India, said heavy artillery began booming for the first time at noon Wednesday against Khamba tribesmen about 25 miles south of Lhasa.

The new bombardment apparently marked the start of a major Chinese campaign to crush the Khamba rebellion for good.

RCN Plane Crashes, Four Aboard

HALIFAX (CP) — A twin-engine Canadian navy Tracker aircraft from the carrier Bonaventure with four crew members aboard crashed in the sea 200 miles east of Bermuda Thursday night, the navy said here. A spokesman said the fliers are "considered missing."

The carrier is taking part in NATO exercises.

Scene of the crash was northwest of Bermuda, within a few yards of the navy's floating airfield.

Thousands Stricken By Flu in Maritimes

HALIFAX (CP)—Maritime health officials started to throw up new defences Thursday against an influenza virus that has been on the rampage for more than a month. Thousands have been stricken.

Officials closed hospitals to visitors in Summerside, P.E.I.; Lancaster, N.B., and Sydney, N.S., in an effort to check the fast-striking disease. Others in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were closed earlier.

Doctors in some areas said flu had reached epidemic proportions.

The disease is considered milder than the Asian variety that hit Canada last year.

Newfoundland health officials said flu was widespread in that province.

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Strike Time Loss Falls

OTTAWA (UPI)—Time lost during February because of industrial disputes dropped to the lowest point since July, 1958, according to figures released Thursday by Labor Minister Michael Starr.

'Americanisms' Stay In B.C. Textbooks

VANCOUVER (CP) — The British Columbia Teachers' Federation yesterday rejected a Vancouver Island proposal to eliminate "Americanisms" in primary reading books.

The Cowichan proposal was soundly defeated at the federation's annual convention here after the Primary Teachers' Association reported there were not too many Americanisms in the reader to become concerned about.

The report said they provided the teacher with a good opportunity to point out what was wrong in the grammar and also that "all that pupils read in books is not necessarily correct."

The teachers unanimously approved a resolution calling for more text books by Canadian authors and publishers.

Some teachers complained that some textbooks make no positive references to Canadian customs and "have the viewpoint of a foreign country."

Rail Choice Angers Peace

GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta. (UPI)—The Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Peace River country drafted a strong protest to Prime Minister Diefenbaker yesterday because of a report that Ottawa had chosen an eastern route for a new railroad to Pine Point, in the Northwest Territories.

Peerage in Store?

Diplomatic circles are speculating Sir Anthony Eden, 61, may be given a peerage as prelude to role of "elder statesman" in the House of Lords. He was a guest yesterday at prime minister's country home.

Bountiful Blooms Joining Shut-Ins

Thanks to the generosity of Greater Victoria flower growers, amateur and professional, plentiful supplies of cut flowers will be distributed today to the rooms and wards of shut-ins in the area.

Response to The Daily Colonist Share the Flowers plan has again exceeded expections despite the handicap of unspringlike weather part of this week.

The warm-hearted answer to the need of flowers to brighten the lives of those who cannot enjoy the out-of-doors pleasures of the season has become a pattern since the plan was started five years ago.

Donors of flowers are asked to have blooms cut and ready for volunteer drivers to pick up between 9 and 10.30 a.m. today. They will be massed at the Colonist downtown office for distribution to hospitals and nursing homes on today's list.

In this second Share the Flowers program this year the blooms will go to Mountain View Home, Rose Manor, Rest Haven and Mount St. Mary Hospitals.